



AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY

BUSINESS PLAN 2014

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HISTORY OF ASTT

In October 1989, a Technical Sub Committee of the Water Resources Council conducted a two-day seminar on Trenchless Technology in Perth, Western Australia. A panel discussion at the end of the seminar with some 170 delegates from around Australia and New Zealand agreed that an independent Australian Society for Trenchless Technology should be formed.

The Society became established independent of other Professional Bodies and related Societies such as the Institution of Engineers, Australia; the Australian Underground and Construction Tunnelling Association (AUCTA); the Australian Water and Wastewater Association (AWWA); the Australian Drilling Industry Association (ADIA); and the Federation of Australian Construction Contractors. Although these organisations had some members with an interest in Trenchless Technology the specialised nature of Trenchless Technology suggested the new Society should stand alone.

The Australian Society for Trenchless Technology (ASTT) was formed in 1991, and was Incorporated (Registered Number 1001093) in Perth, Western Australia on 11 March 1991. The Society was also affiliated with the International Society for Trenchless Technology, (ISTT) in March 1991.

On the 28 June 1994, the name of the Society was changed to the **Australasian** Society for Trenchless Technology, enabling membership to include those living in New Zealand.

ASTT grew from a membership of 35 when inaugurated, to some 190 members in 2010. There are two classifications of Membership: Corporate and Individual. Members belong to a number of categories within the Trenchless Industry, including contracting, manufacturing, support services, education and a wide range of private and Government client organisations. The growth in ASTT membership has reflected the growth of Trenchless Technology in Australia and New Zealand. With ASTT having the highest membership of any of the affiliated societies on a per capita basis, the Society continues to provide a focal point for the continued development and application of Trenchless Technology in Australia and New Zealand.

The scope of the Trenchless Technology Industry in Australia and New Zealand is significant. There is an enormous investment in infrastructure associated with small diameter cables, conduits and pipelines. These assets have been estimated to be worth AU\$200 billion, and include the water, wastewater, power, gas, tele-communications and oil industries in both these countries.

The growth, repair, renovation and refurbishment of this asset base, provided an estimated AU\$350 million turnover in 2001. Although this represents a very small proportion of the total annual expenditure on renovation, replacement, and new infrastructure, it is significant in terms of its influence and impact, as it represents the many programs and projects realising the ever-growing range of benefits Trenchless Technology has to offer.

STRUCTURE OF ASTT

The Australasian Society for Trenchless Technology (ASTT) is managed by a Council, which consists of not more than one representative from each State or Country, plus the Federal President and Past President. Council also appoints a Federal Secretary and a Federal Treasurer as well as a representative to the Board of the International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT). The day-to-day conduct of ASTT is managed by the Secretariat, or administrative arm of the Society consisting of the Secretary/Treasurer on an honorary part time basis, in liaison with the President. Figure 1 refers.

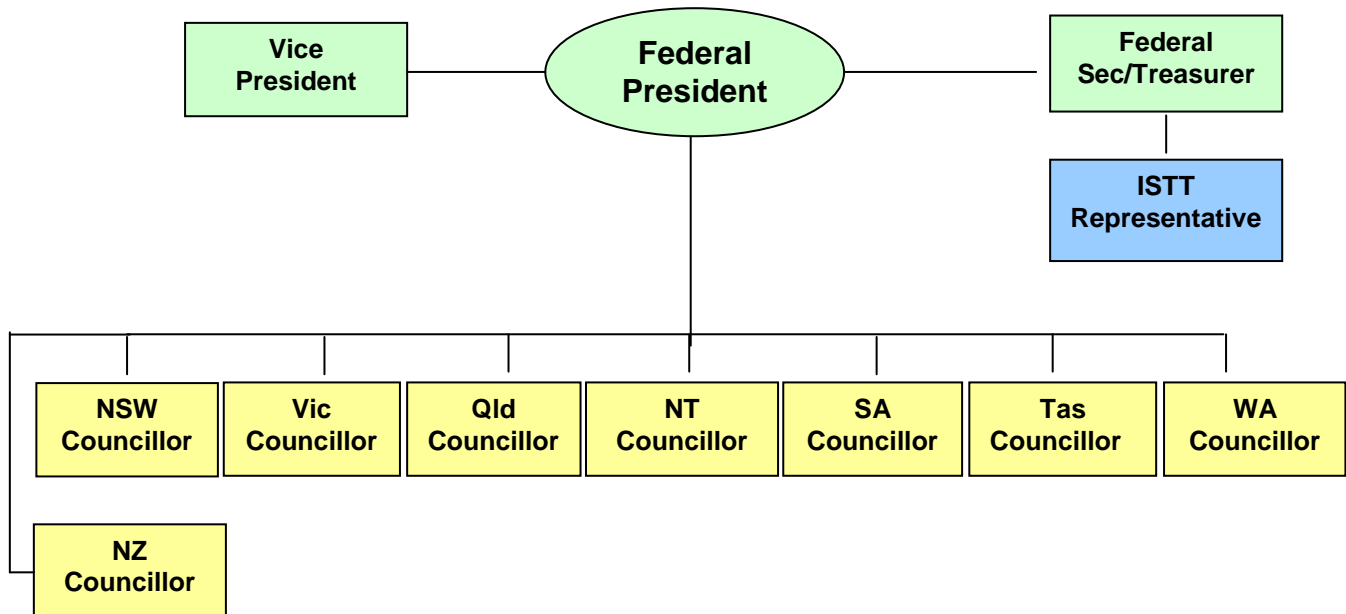


Figure 1: Management Structure of ASTT August 2013



STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2014

MISSION

The purpose of the Australasian Society for Trenchless Technology is to;

**GUIDE INDUSTRY IN AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND TO RECOGNISE AND
ACHIEVE THE BENEFITS OF
TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY.**

This Mission Statement explains the Society's primary role – it is the reason for its existence.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of ASTT, in endeavouring to fulfil its Mission, are:

**TO FACILITATE THE ADVANCEMENT OF
TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY IN
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.**

and to

TO PROVIDE:

- **VISIBLE LEADERSHIP;**
- **COORDINATION; AND**
- **A POINT OF REFERENCE
FOR TRENCHLESS TECHNOLOGY
THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND.**

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2014 (continued)**VISION**

The Vision for ASTT broadly describes the type of organisation ASTT wants to be, and how it will be perceived. It provides a framework to enable planning towards a common goal. The Vision is consistent with the Mission and Primary Objectives of the Society.

The Vision for ASTT for the next three years is:

**TO BE RECOGNISED AS LEADING THE
TRENCHLESS INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND**

ASTT IN 2014: Issues and Challenges

The Vision provides a picture as to what ASTT needs to be like in the year 2014 if we are successful in achieving our Objectives.

Tabled under, in summary form, are the issues and challenges that have been considered in the development of this Business Plan. It is these issues that will directly impact on ASTT achieving its Vision.

Social/Demographic	<p>What is happening in Australia and New Zealand that is driving the industry?</p> <p>The geographic location of our Society. The geographic spread of our members.</p>
Technological and Development	<p>Information/communication technology, materials technology, new methodology/technology coming out for trenchless technology. What is happening overseas that is driving change in the application of trenchless technology?</p>
Education and Awareness	<p>The current level of understanding and awareness of trenchless technology. Reluctance of tertiary institutions to change programs to incorporate trenchless technology. The rapidly changing technology and maintaining relevance in education and training.</p>

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR 2014 (continued)

Management	Globalisation, regional positioning, alliances/joint ventures, national economic growth, micro-economic reform. What are the International trends in the way the trenchless technology industry is managed. Role of Councillors.
Role of Industry Bodies	Possible fragmentation of membership. Establishment of independent Societies or amalgamation with other Societies. Achieving recognition. Membership growth,
Structure of ASTT	No perceived change in structure for next 3 years. Councillor involvement to increase through communication and liaison within their area of responsibility. ASTT will continue provide central support for activities undertaken by the Society.

STRATEGIES

The Key Result Areas for the Society represent areas of activity, which are most critical for the future success of the Society. Strategies have been developed within each of these areas to ensure this success.

Key Result Areas	Strategies
Network Development	To develop a commercial entity which meets the members needs and actively pursues business development opportunities.
Training and Development	To utilise existing training programs developed by others and develop education programs for awareness in tertiary institutions, industry and the community.
Guidelines and Standards	To facilitate access to a framework of Guidelines and Standards in the areas of microtunnelling, horizontal directional drilling and rehabilitation which may be applied to Australasian conditions utilising current International best practice.
Promotion	To facilitate the promotion of Trenchless Technology through National Conferences and Exhibitions, publications, internet, seminars and other awareness opportunities as they arise.

BUSINESS OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES SINCE INAUGURATION

Since inauguration, the objectives of ASTT have been to:

- Advance the science and practice of trenchless technology for the public benefit;
- Provide a forum in Australia and New Zealand for interchange of multi disciplinary knowledge and skills in the field of trenchless technology;
- Arrange or sponsor meetings, conferences and symposia on subjects consistent with the objectives of the Society;
- Encourage the interchange of specialists in Trenchless Technology within Australia and New Zealand;
- Liaise and establish affiliations with related organisations, both within Australia, New Zealand and overseas;
- Inform and advise the public and Government on matters concerned with trenchless technology;
- Encourage education, training and research.

The Society endeavoured to achieve its objectives through a number of strategies including:

- National and International Conferences and Exhibitions;
- National Seminars
- Working groups dealing with specific key issues
- Society Publications – “Trenchless Australasia”.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PLANS FOR 2014

The new Business Planning Framework for 2014 provides new Strategies, which have been utilised to provide the Business Objectives for 2014. These new objectives have been determined in the Action Plans for 2014.

Network Development: To develop additional membership and pursue business development opportunities as they arise.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION PLAN	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAME	COST	PROGRESS
Undertake membership promotional campaigns.	Undertake membership promotional campaigns at appropriate exhibition venues including: 2014 NZWater Hamilton.	Secretary	October 2014	8K	0%
	Look into opportunities for reduced membership fees to entice new members at relevant events	Secretary	Ongoing	0K	0%
Total Estimated Cost				\$9,000	

Training and Education: To utilise existing training programs developed by others and develop education programs for awareness in tertiary institutions, industry and the community.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION PLAN	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAME	COST	PROGRESS
Develop training packages for delivery at 2015 National Conference	Review NASTT's training packages for suitability at NASTT's National Conference - Orlando	Chairman Secretary	April 2014	16k	0%
	Negotiate delivery of training material if acceptable	Chairman Secretary	December 2014	20k	0%
	Incorporate training modules into Gold Coast National Conference program	GSP Chairman Secretary	June 2015	5k	0%
University Trenchless Training to Students	Seek out tertiary institutions on Gold Coast and Brisbane to receive trenchless training at 2015 National Conference	GSP Chairman QLD Councillor Secretary	December 2014	5k	0%
	Seek out a tertiary institution that will adopt NSW University Trenchless Technology learning material into their engineering programs	All Councillors	Ongoing	5k	0%
Certificate 3 Qualification Framework	Develop a "Training for Dummies" package that explains what qualifications exist, the pathways, who provides it and what is the process for obtaining the qualification	Chairman and NZ Councillor	December 2014	\$2K	0%
	Provide link on ASTT website when "Training for Dummies" package completed.	Secretary	December 2014	\$1K	0%
Total Estimated Cost				\$54,000	

Guidelines and Standards: To publish Guidelines and Standards for new installations, rehabilitation and support services which are suitable for Australasian conditions utilising current International best practice.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION PLAN	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAME	COST	PROGRESS
Develop Guidelines and Specifications for Vacuum Excavation	Develop Guidelines for Vacuum Excavation	ASTT Council SkillsDMC	To be determined		0%
	Develop nationally recognised Standards of Competency for Vacuum Excavation through SkillsDMC	ASTT Council SkillsDMC	To be determined		0%
Develop Guidelines and Specifications for Relining	Establish special interest group for development of Guidelines for Relining.	ASTT Council	To be determined		0%
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	Develop Specifications for Rehab for use by Local Authorities and endorsed by the ASTT	ASTT Council	To be determined		0%
Undertake review of Competency Standards for TT in New Zealand	Development and review of Nationally recognised competency standards for trenchless technologies for New Zealand	NZ Councillor	To be determined		0%
Total Estimated Cost				\$ to be determined	

Promotion: Undertake the promotion of Trenchless Technology through National Conferences and Exhibitions, publications, internet, seminars and other awareness opportunities as they arise.

OBJECTIVE	ACTION PLAN	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE	TIMEFRAME	COST	PROGRESS
Develop generic trenchless presentation.	Develop generic trenchless presentation in Powerpoint format for Councillors to adopt as and when required.	Chairman Secretary	June 2014	1K	50%
Develop Trenchless Policy Document.	Present ASTT lobbying document to Federal Government Ministers and other key stakeholders to highlight the benefits of trenchless technology to significant national projects. Eg NBN project	Chairman Secretary Councillors	May 2014	\$20K	50%
	Meet with NBN to present Trenchless Policy Document and explain the benefits of utilising qualified HDD contractors.	Chairman	June 2014	\$5K	0%
Case study on Water Corporation Cert 3 take up	Establish a Case Study on Certificate 3 TT take up in Western Australia by Water Corporation	Chairman Secretary	June 2014	0K	0%
Short training seminars	Promotion of Trenchless Technology through short 2 hour seminars in each state	GSP ASTT Council	Ongoing	5K	0%
2015 National Conference	Conduct National Conference and Exhibition in Gold Coast in October 2015	ASTT Executive Great Southern Press / ISTT	October 2015	0K	0%
2014 Water NZ Conference	Participate in WaterNZ Conference and Exhibition in Hamilton New Zealand in 2014	Chairman Secretary NZ Councillor	October 2014	\$15K	0%
Trenchless Paper involvement	Promote conference and member involvement to WaterNZ through Trenchless Australasia magazine	GSP	Ongoing	\$0K	0%
Total Estimated Cost				\$46,000	